Outdoor Stadia at Kulu and Joginder Nagar

2644. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for outdoor stadia at Kulu and Joginder Nagar in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken/propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry has approved Central assistance of Rs. 34.26 lakhs on 12.10.2001 for construction of additional facilities in the Outdoor Stadium at Kullu. The proposal for Outdoor Stadium (Cat.I) at Joginder Nagar, Distt. Mandi will be placed before the next meeting of the Grant-in-aid Committee for considering sanction of admissible Central assistance to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Sports Training for Teachers

†2645. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to formulate any General Sports Policy to boost the Indian Sports;

(c) if so, whether there is any scheme to train each teacher in sports as well, alogwith teaching and training;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Government has already formulated a new National Sports Policy in 2001.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) 'Sports' is a State subject, and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to take appropriate steps to develop sports and games in the respective States.

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